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Second session
Geneva, 28 June 1993
Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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1/ As approved by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the second session was approved at the first session of the Working Group (see TD/B/WG.1/4, para. 23 and annex II). As provided for in the UNCTAD calendar of meetings, the Working Group will have available to it five working days, from 28 June to 2 July 1993.

In accordance with the decision of the Working Group at its first session (see TD/B/WG.1/4, para. 10 (b)), arrangements have been made for a two-day seminar-type discussion on foreign investors' motivations (item 2 of the provisional agenda). This discussion will take place on 28 and 29 June. Non-governmental actors have been invited to attend.

During the remaining days, from 30 June to 2 July, the Ad Hoc Working Group will examine items 2 and 3, in the light of country experiences. A tentative programme is contained in the annex.

Documentation

TD/B/WG.1/5	Annotated provisional agenda

Item 2: Consideration of global trends and issues, including foreign investors' motivations

With a view to assisting the Working Group in its consideration of this item, the secretariat has prepared a study entitled "Foreign direct investment in developing countries: recent trends and policy issues" (TD/B/WG.1/7). The study contains a review of salient features of recent FDI trends; foreign investors' motivations; competitive advantages of host countries; and the role of host country policies.

Contributions on foreign investors' motivations prepared by invited non-governmental actors and international organizations will be made available under a cover note by the secretariat (TD/B/WG.1/Misc.2 and addenda).

A selected bibliography on foreign direct investment has also been prepared by the secretariat for the benefit of the Working Group (UNCTAD/GID/DF/1).

Documentation

TD/B/WG.1/7	Foreign direct investment in developing countries: recent trends and policy issues
TD/B/WG.1/Misc.2 and addenda	Contributions by invited experts.

Background document

UNCTAD/GID/DF/1	Selected bibliography on foreign direct investment

Item 3: Considerations of host and home country policies and measures to promote foreign direct investment, including export processing zones and special economic zones

The Working Group will have for its consideration several country case studies prepared by States members that volunteered to do so. These studies will be made available under cover of a note by the secretariat (TD/B/WG.1/Misc.3 and addenda). The secretariat intends to submit a preliminary synthesis of these studies, when enough of them are available.

In order to assist the Working Group in its deliberations, the secretariat has prepared a study entitled "Export processing zones: role of foreign direct investment and developmental impact" (TD/B/WG.1/6). The study assesses foreign investors' activities in export processing zones and the economic and social impact of such zones.

The secretariat has also prepared a background study entitled "Export processing zones: selected country experiences" (UNCTAD/GID/DF/2).

Documentation

TD/B/WG.1/6	Export processing zones: role of foreign direct investment and developmental impact
TD/B/WG.1/Misc.3 and addenda	Case studies prepared by States members

Background document

UNCTAD/GID/DF/2	Export processing zones: selected country experiences

Item 4: Provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group

A draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Working Group will be submitted for consideration in the light of discussions during the second session.

Item 5: Other business

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

ANNEX

Tentative programme

28-29 June: Seminar-type discussion on: "Foreign investors' motivations: implications for developing countries and economies in transition"

(Invited panellists will make presentations and answer questions from participants on the issues listed below)

Monday 28 June 1993

10.00 a.m. Plenary	Opening of the session Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
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10.15 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Seminar	Item 2: Consideration of global trends and issues, including foreign investors' motivations Panel No. 1: Traditional and new factors affecting foreign direct investment in developing countries and economies in transition
3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Seminar	Panel No. 2: The globalization of investment: consequences for developing countries and economies in transition

Tuesday, 29 June

10.00 a.m.-1 p.m. Seminar	Panel No. 3: The impact of host country policies on foreign investment decisions: the investors' viewpoint
3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m. Seminar	Panel No. 4: FDI in the 1990s: sectoral patterns and geographical distribution
5.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Seminar	Summing-up

30 June-2 July: Discussion on country experiences (items 2 and 3) and organizational matters

Wednesday, 30 June

10.00 a.m.-1 p.m.
Informal meeting

Item 2: Consideration of global trends and issues, including foreign investors' motivations

Item 3: Consideration of host and home country policies and measures to promote foreign direct investment, including export processing zones and special economic zones

3.00 p.m.-6 p.m.
Informal meeting

Item 3 (continued): Host country policies

Thursday, 1 July

10.00 a.m.-1 p.m.
Informal meeting

Item 3 (continued): Host country policies

3.00 p.m.-6 p.m.
Informal meeting

Item 3 (continued): Home country policies

Friday, 2 July

10.00 a.m.-1 p.m.
Informal meeting

Item 3 (concluded): Export processing zones

3.00 p.m.-6 p.m.
Plenary

Item 4: Provisional agenda for the third session

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